



Curriculum Overview for Year 3 and 4 Pupils – Term 3



Theme title: What was life like in Ancient Benin?

Launch pad event: African drumming workshop

English <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i>	In English, the pupils in Year 4 will be learning about legends and will be writing their own. As well as this, children will be exploring the features of play scripts. Year 3 will be writing stories based on picture books and will be focusing on the text, 'Tuesday'. As well as this, children will be looking at the features of reference books and will write their own. Spelling will be a continuous focus within both year groups learning words from the Statutory word list.	
Maths <i>Maths homework is set every <u>Thursday</u> and should be returned to school every <u>Tuesday</u>.</i>	Pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 will be learning about addition and subtraction and using the inverse operations. They will also be looking at multiplication and division and continuing to work on learning their times tables.	
Science	Our topic in Science this term will be electricity. The pupils will be learning the different parts of a circuit and their relevant symbols. They will be experimenting with different components of a circuit and changing variables, such as how the amount of bulbs or batteries affects the strength of a circuit.	Cross-curricular links Children will give conclusions after their scientific investigations. Children will be using their knowledge of circuits in DT this term.
Computing	In Computing this term, children will be learning to use Scratch. They will be learning how to program a sprite and how to add sounds. As well as this, they will use sequencing buttons to create a new sequence of sounds.	
Geography	In Geography, we will be locating Ancient Benin within Africa and its location on a map of the world. We will identify and look at the features of the national parks. In addition, pupils will look at the importance of conservation.	Cross-curricular links Year 3 children will be creating a reference text about Benin.
History	In History, we will be learning about how the kingdom of Benin began and ended. In addition, we will be looking at how Ancient Benin was ruled. The pupils will then contrast Benin with British history looking at the similarities and differences.	Cross-curricular links Year 4 children will be writing legends based in Ancient Benin.
Art	In Art, children will be focusing on printing using different materials. They will be looking at Ancient Benin art and take inspiration to create a pattern. Children will experiment with different methods of printing including monoprint and collagraph.	
DT	In DT, pupils will be using their scientific knowledge of electricity. They will be researching and designing warning devices. They will then plan and create their own warning device to help alert national parks to danger.	
PE	In indoor PE, the focus will be on gymnastics. The children will look at different ways to balance, roll and jump. They will be creating their own sequences to perform. This term in outdoor PE children will be learning about football. They will learn how to control and dribble a ball as well as the skills to defend and attack. Children will then have a go at playing games of football.	
Music	As part of our music, we will be launching this theme with a traditional African drumming workshop. For the remainder of the term, we will be continuing to learn to play the djembe drum, learning traditional African songs as well as composing their own.	
RE	In RE this term the focus will be, "What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?" Children will consider stories from different religions and what they teach followers about right and wrong. They will also learn about temptation and how people overcome this using their faith.	
P.S.H.E	This term in PSHE, the focus will be on staying safe. Pupils will learn about ways to keep themselves safe. We will also be visited by a member of the RNLI about staying safe at the coast. They will learn about staying safe online as part of E-safety week.	

Ways in which you could support next terms curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
Traditional African folktales Books set in Africa: The Butterfly Lion A Long Walk to Water	Port Lympne - visit the African animals on safari. The British Museum.	Listen to traditional African music. Taste traditional African food.